<u>REMARKS</u>

The Office Action of February 27, 2007 and the references cited therein have been carefully considered. The allowance of claim 20 and the indication that claims 2, 10, 11 and 18 contain allowable subject matter but are objected to since they are dependent on a rejected claim has been noted with appreciation.

In this Amendment, and in addition to amending claims 6, 9, 17 and 18 to correct noted informalities, the claims have been amended to place the application in condition for allowance. More specifically, each of claims 2, 10 and 11 has been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of claim 1 from which they previously depended, claims 17 and 18 have been rewritten to include the limitations of claim 16 and so that they depend from claim 2, with claim 17 being further amended to positively recite the combination of the heddle and heddle support rail, claims 1 and 16 have been cancelled, and the remaining rejected claims have been amended so that they depend from claim 2. A request to charge the necessary additional claim fee of \$200.00 for one additional independent claim to the deposit account is attached.

In view of the above amendments, it is submitted that claims 2, 10, 11 and 18, which were all indicated as having allowable subject matter, are now clearly in condition for allowance. Moreover, since all of the remaining rejected claims now depend from claim 2, it is submitted that these claims are likewise in condition for allowance. Such action and the passing of this application to issue with claims 3, 4-15 and 17-20 are respectfully requested.

If the Examiner is of the opinion that the prosecution of this application would be advanced by a personal interview, the Examiner is requested to contact under signed counsel to arrange for such an interview.

Respectfully submitted, FITCH, EVEN, TABIN & FLANNERY

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